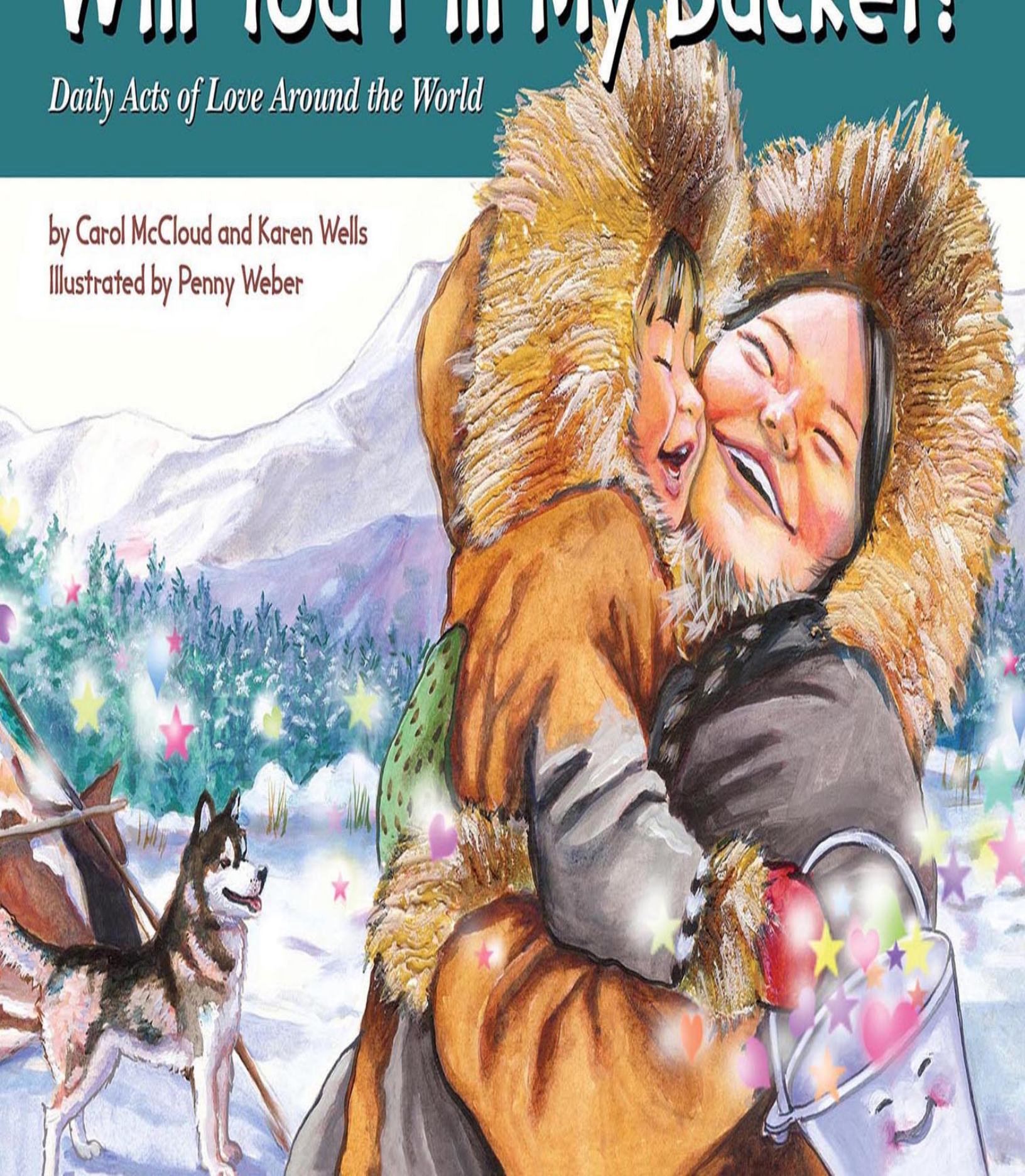


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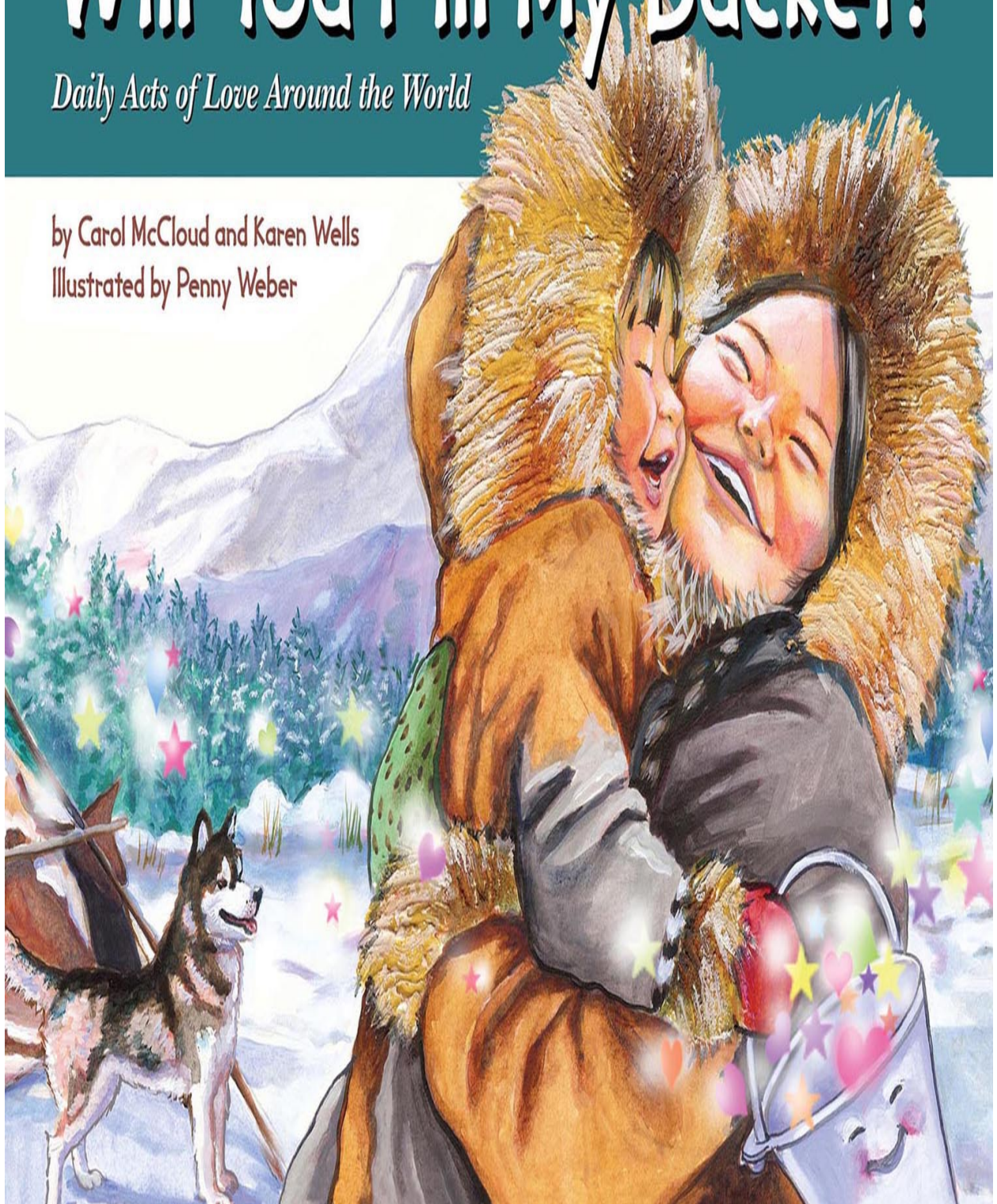


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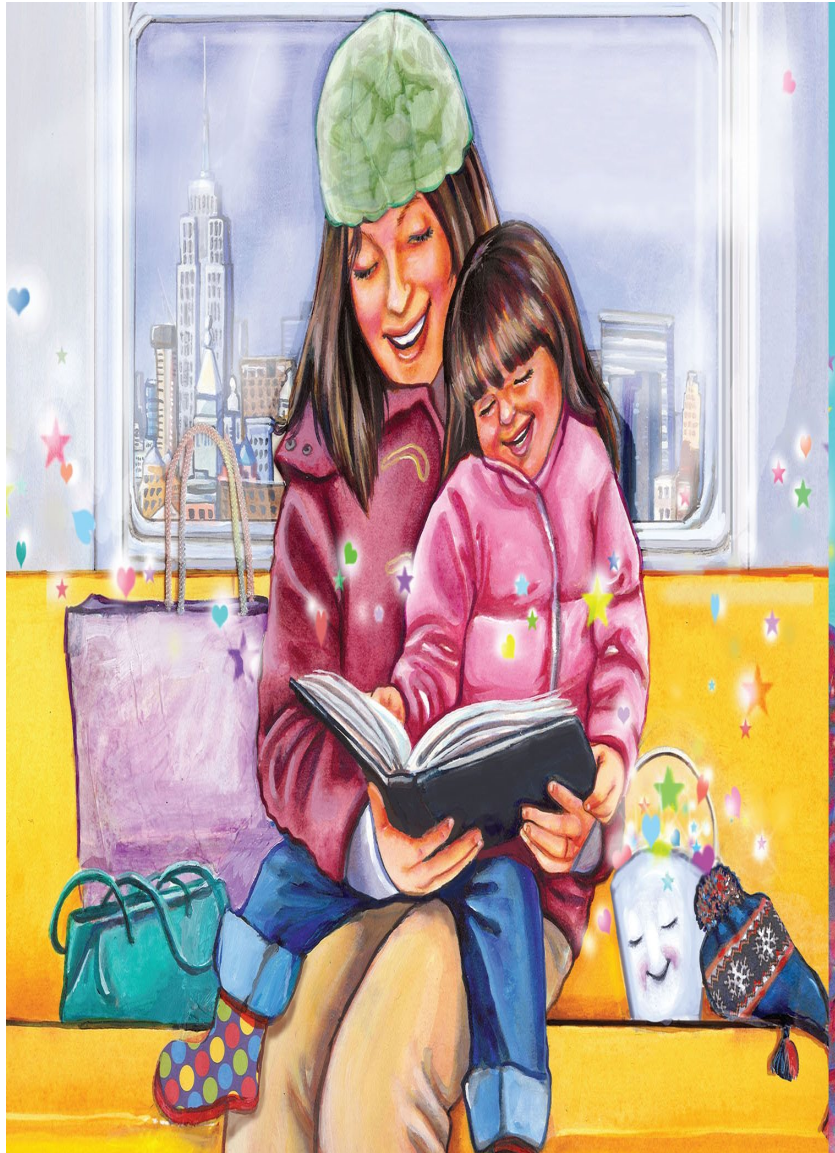
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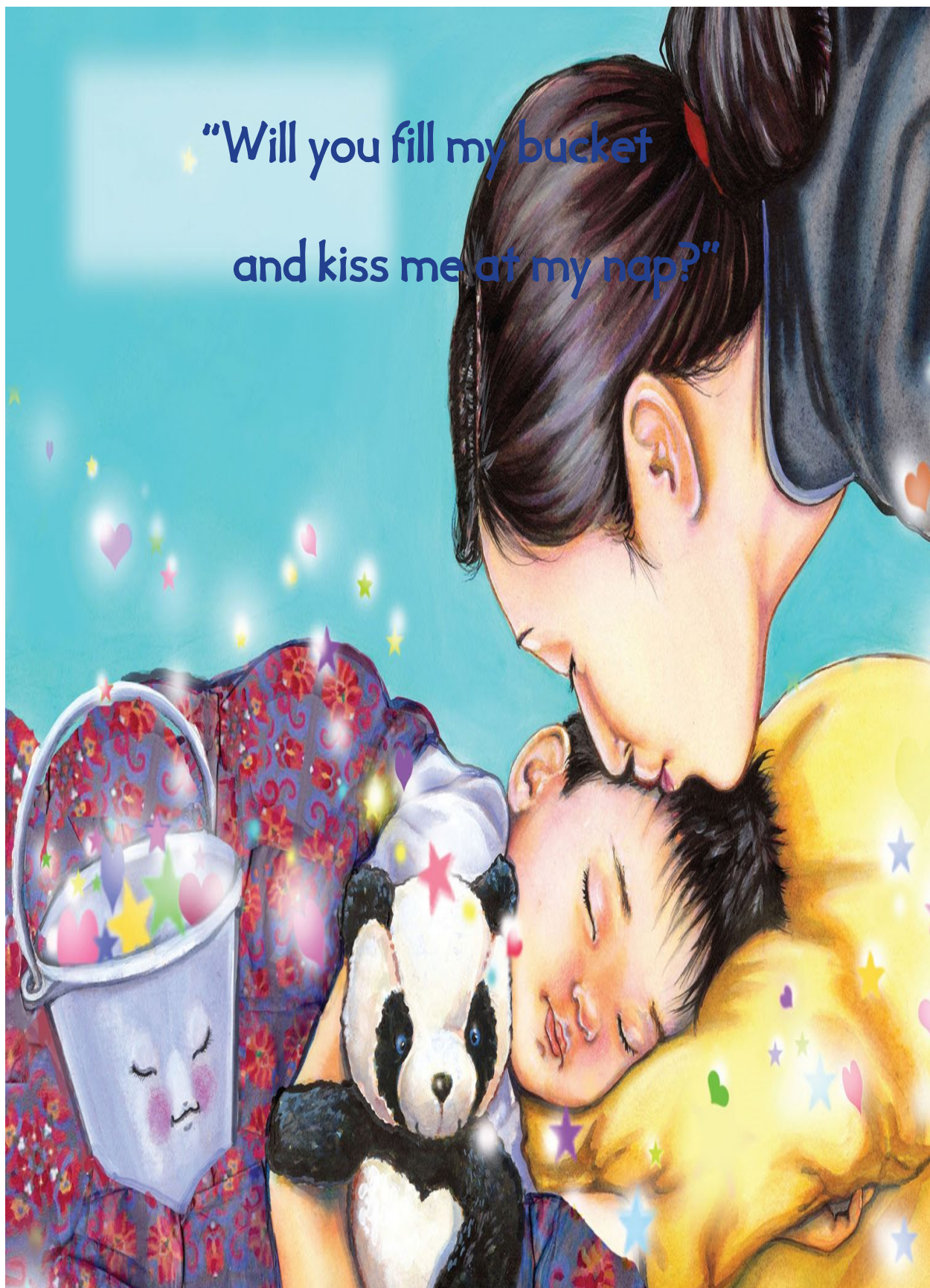
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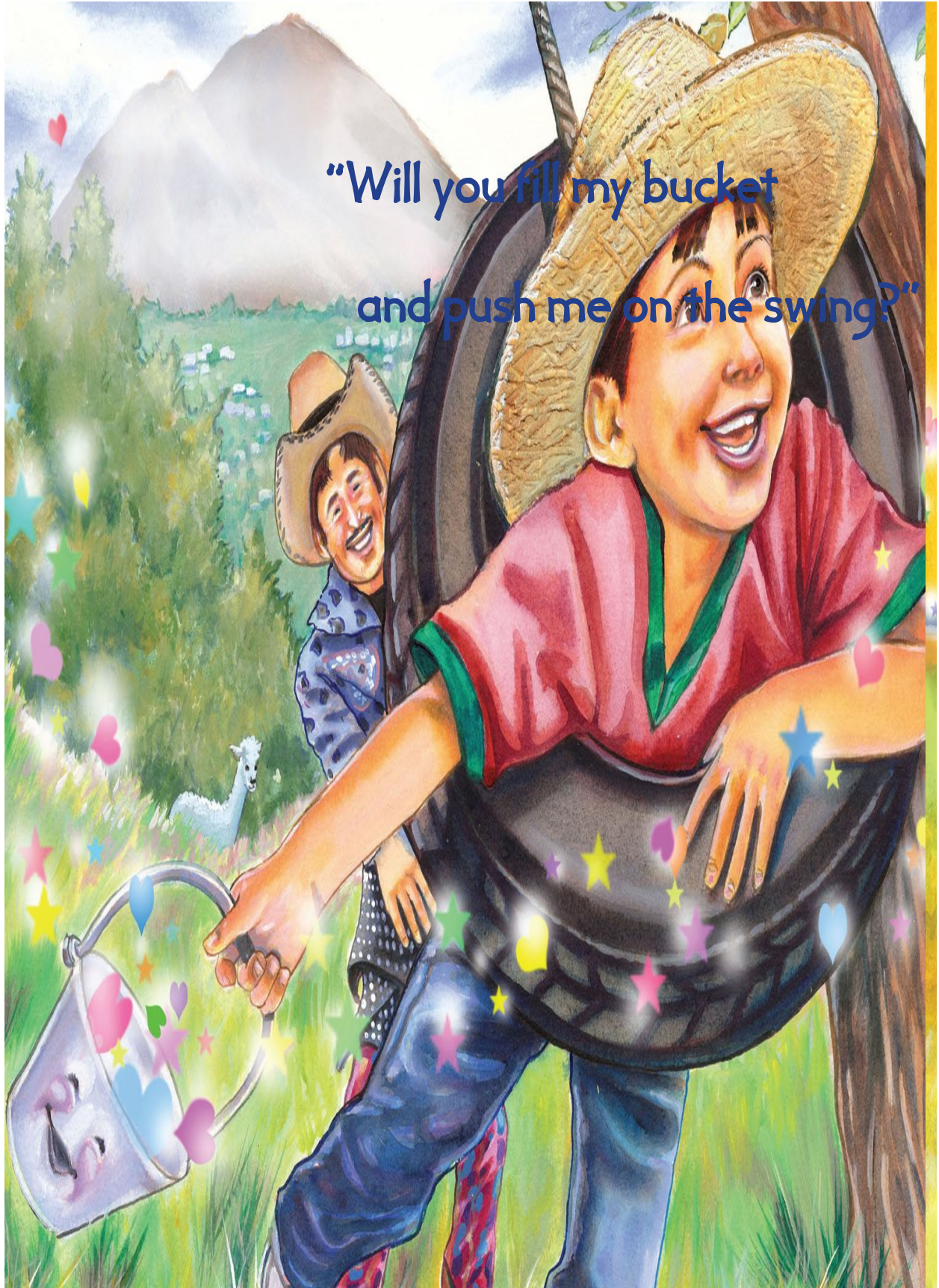
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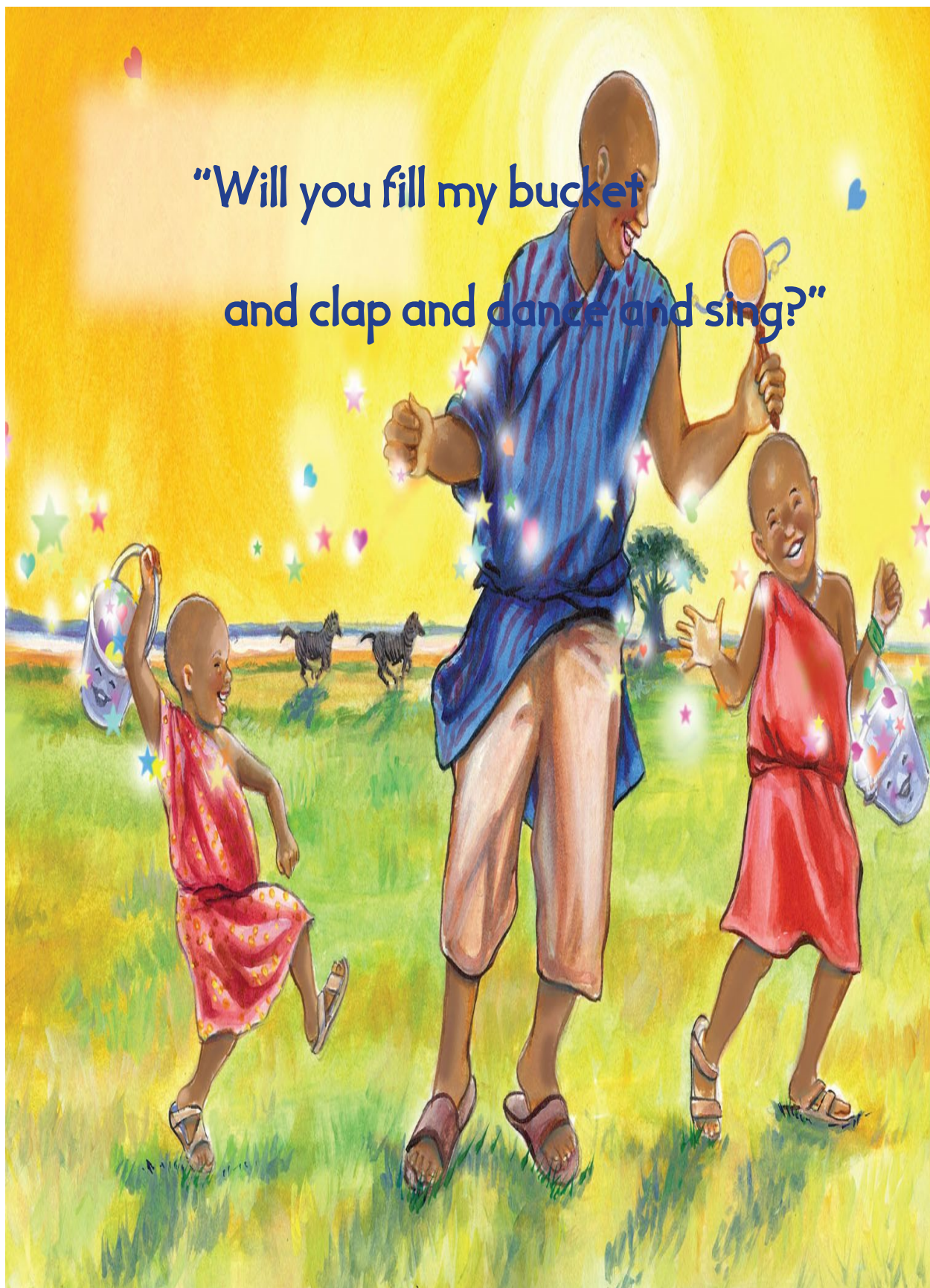
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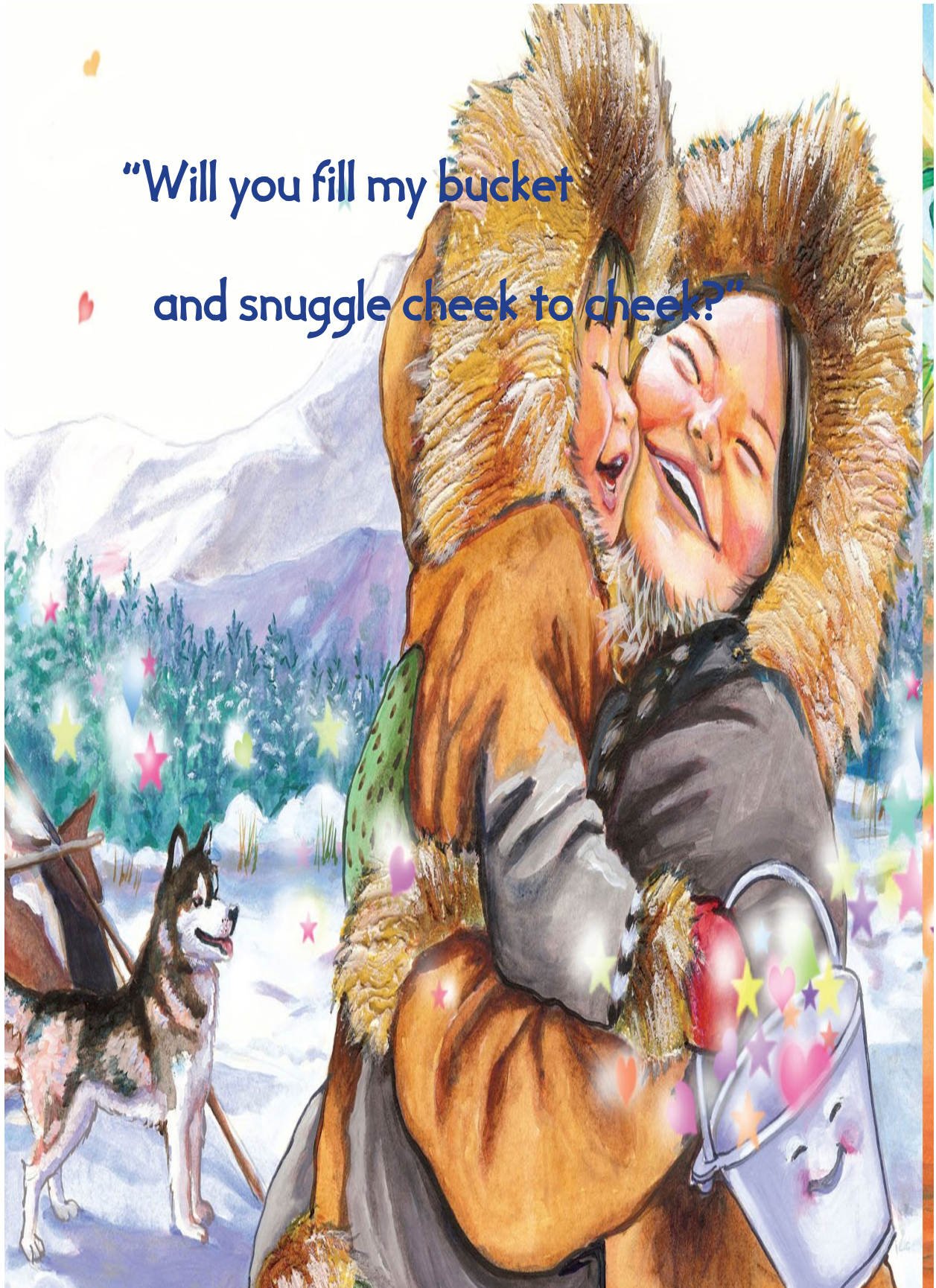
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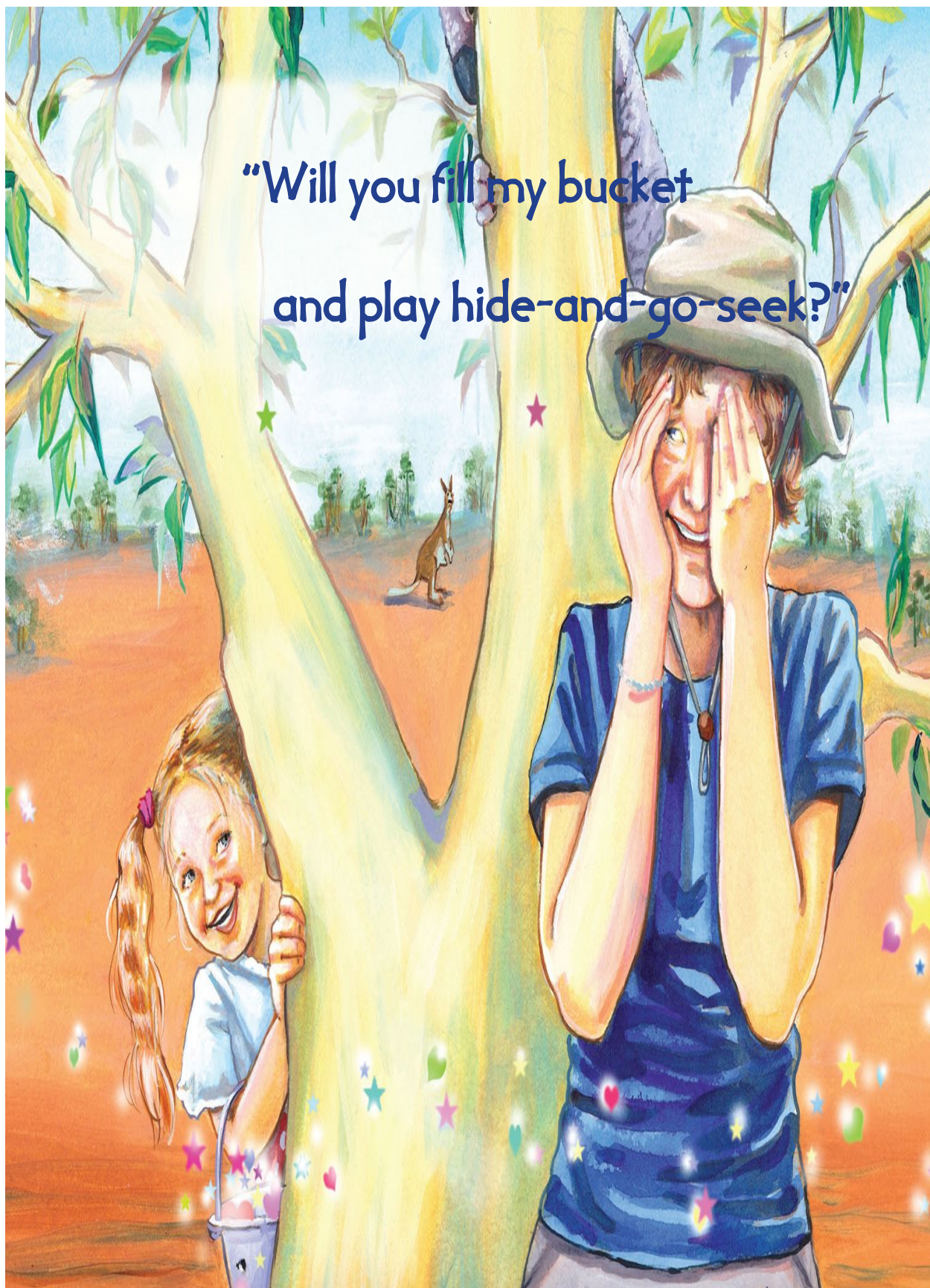
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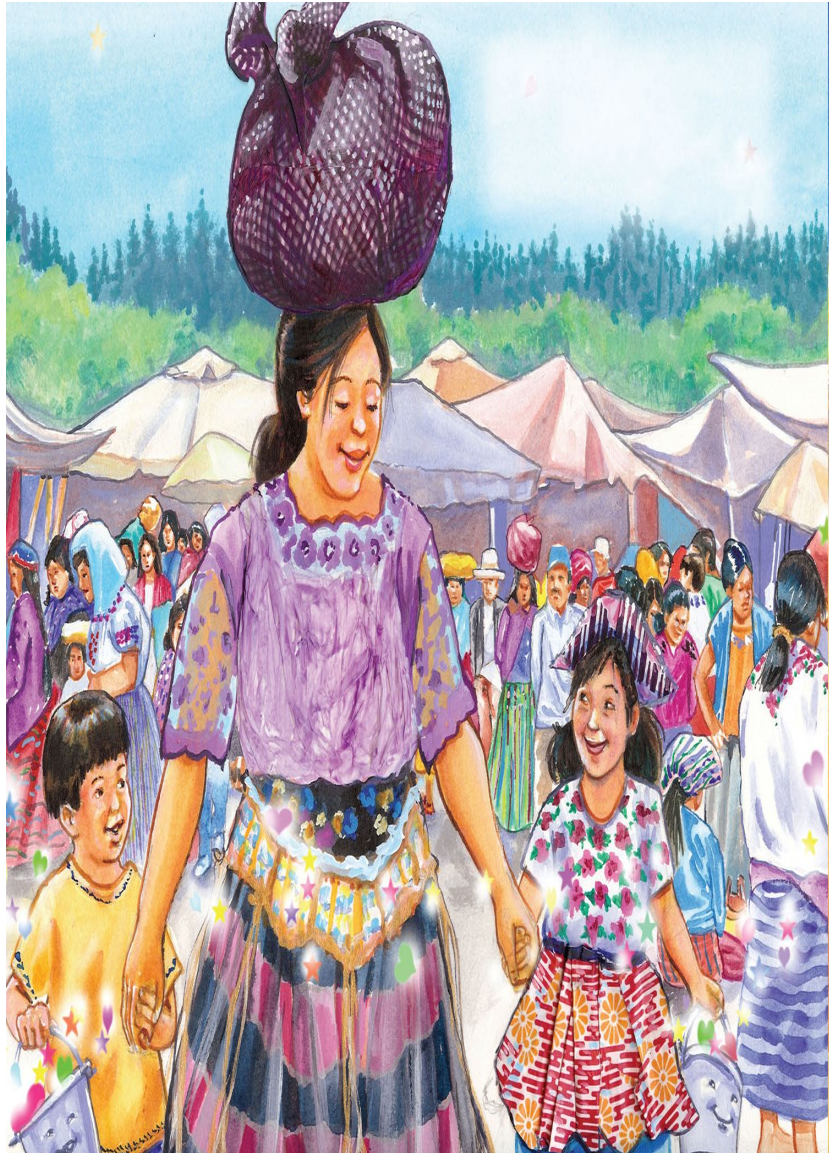


“Will you fill my bucket
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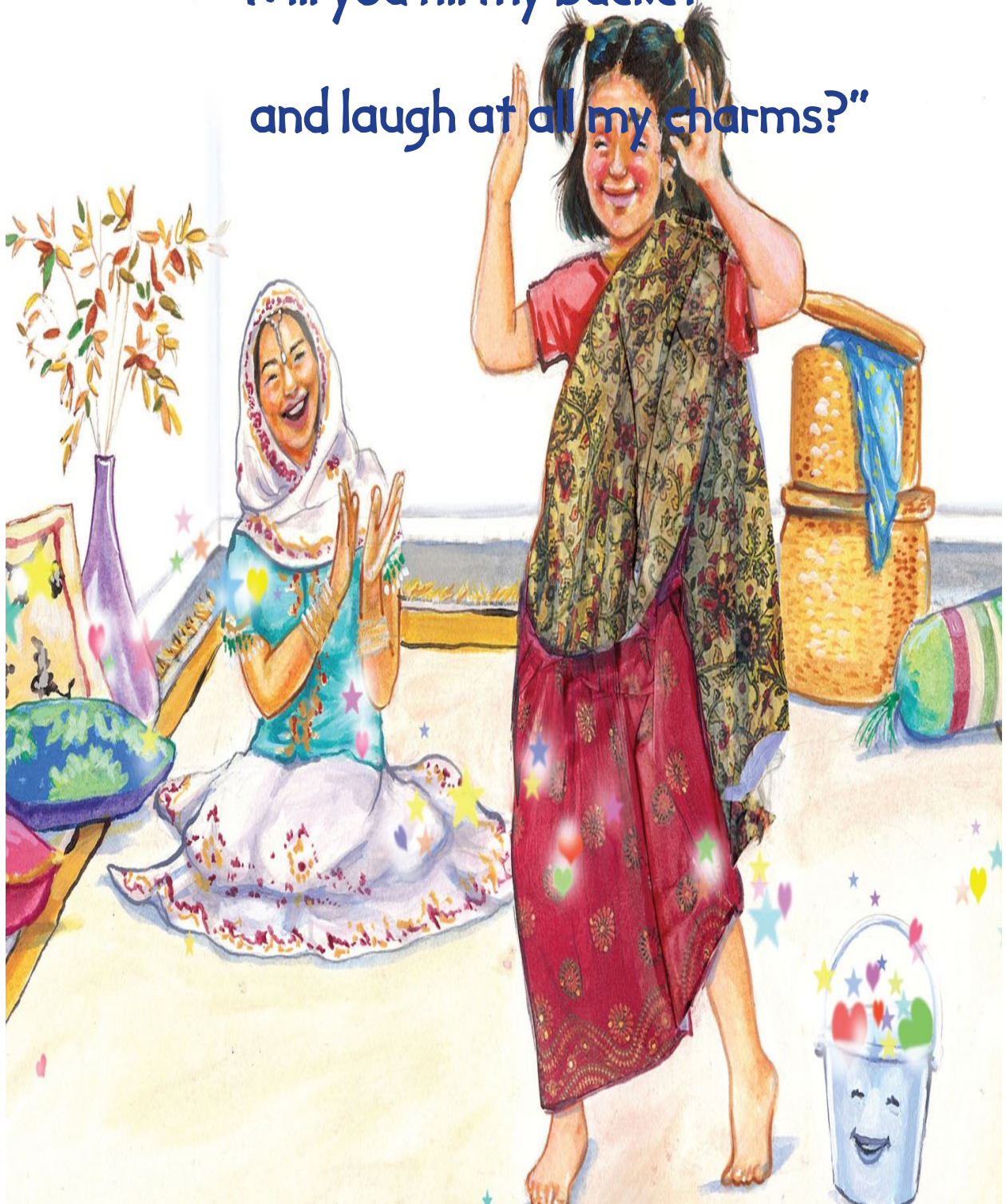


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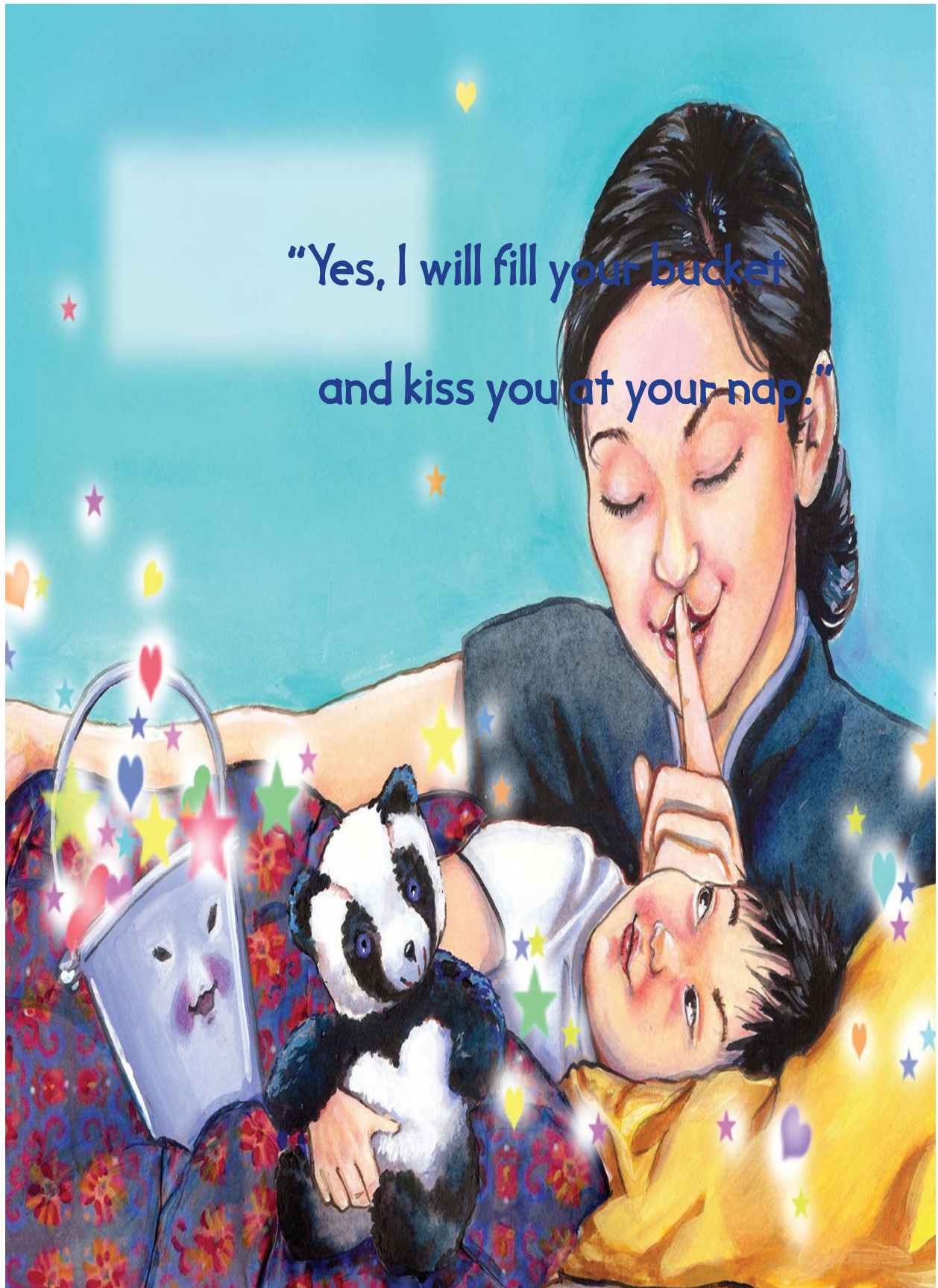


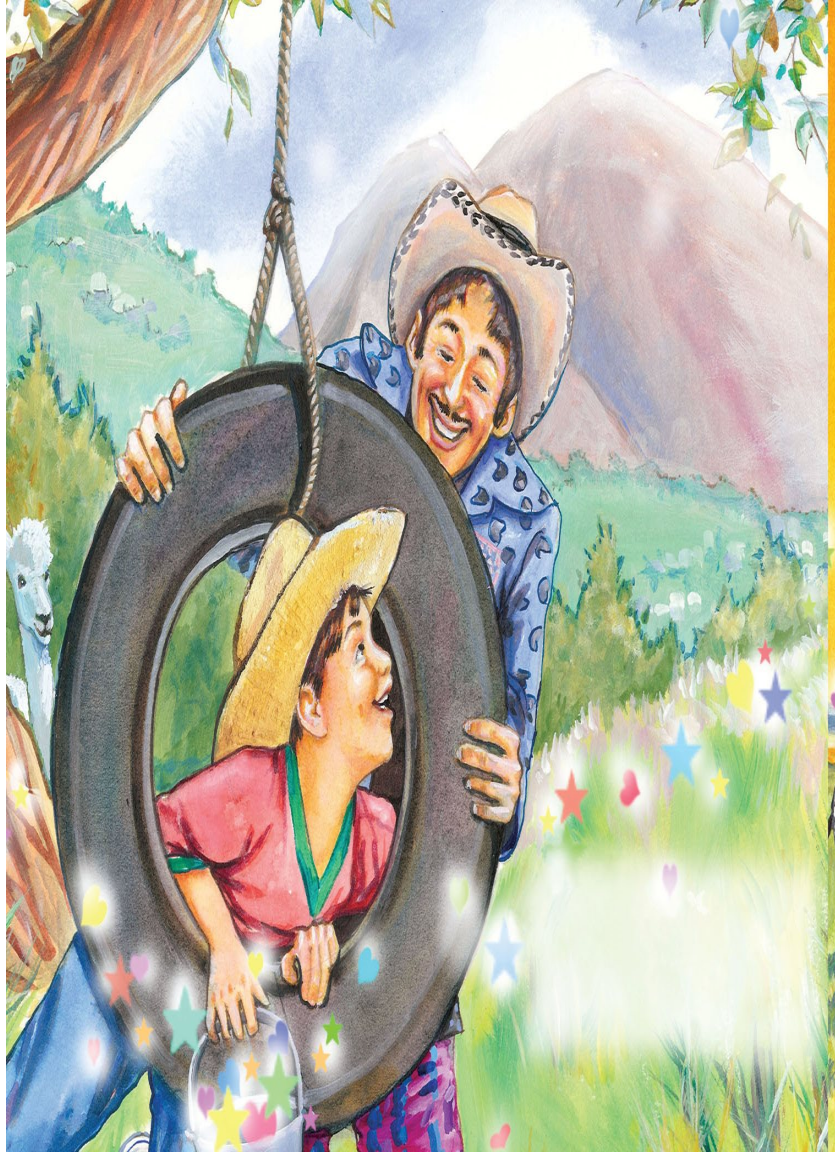
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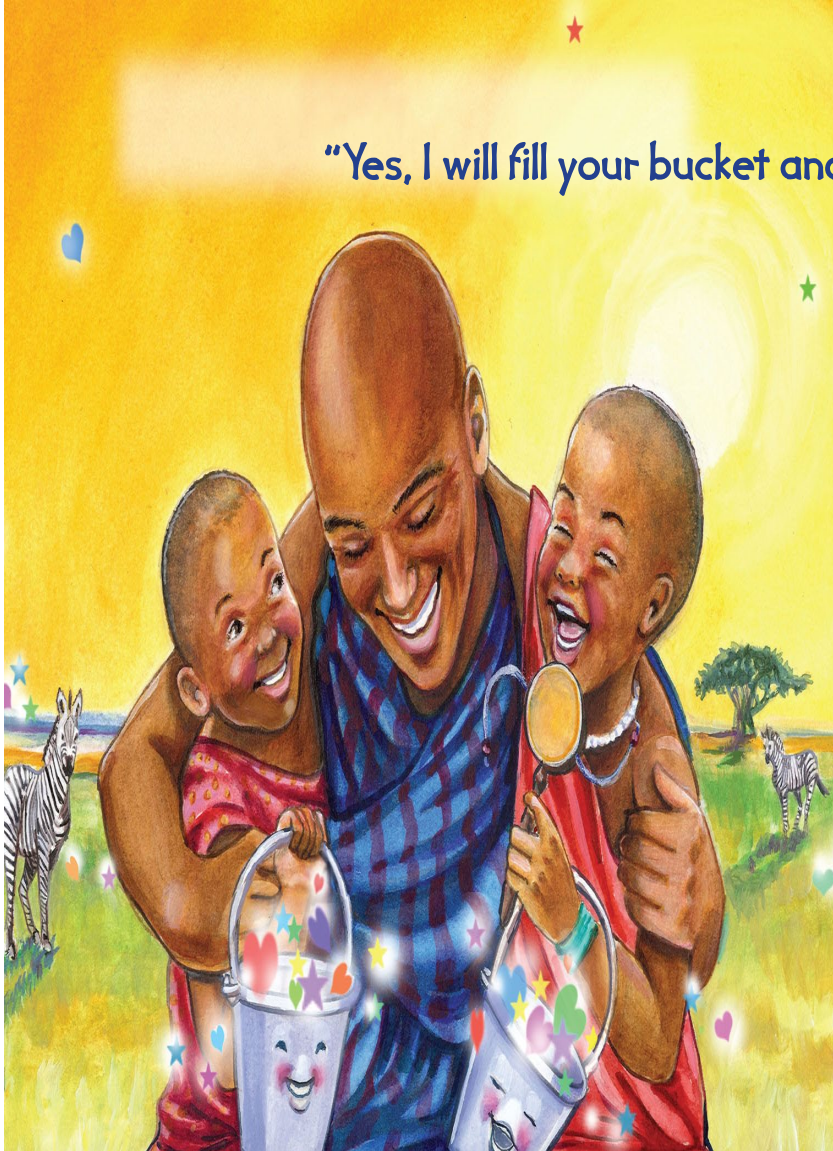


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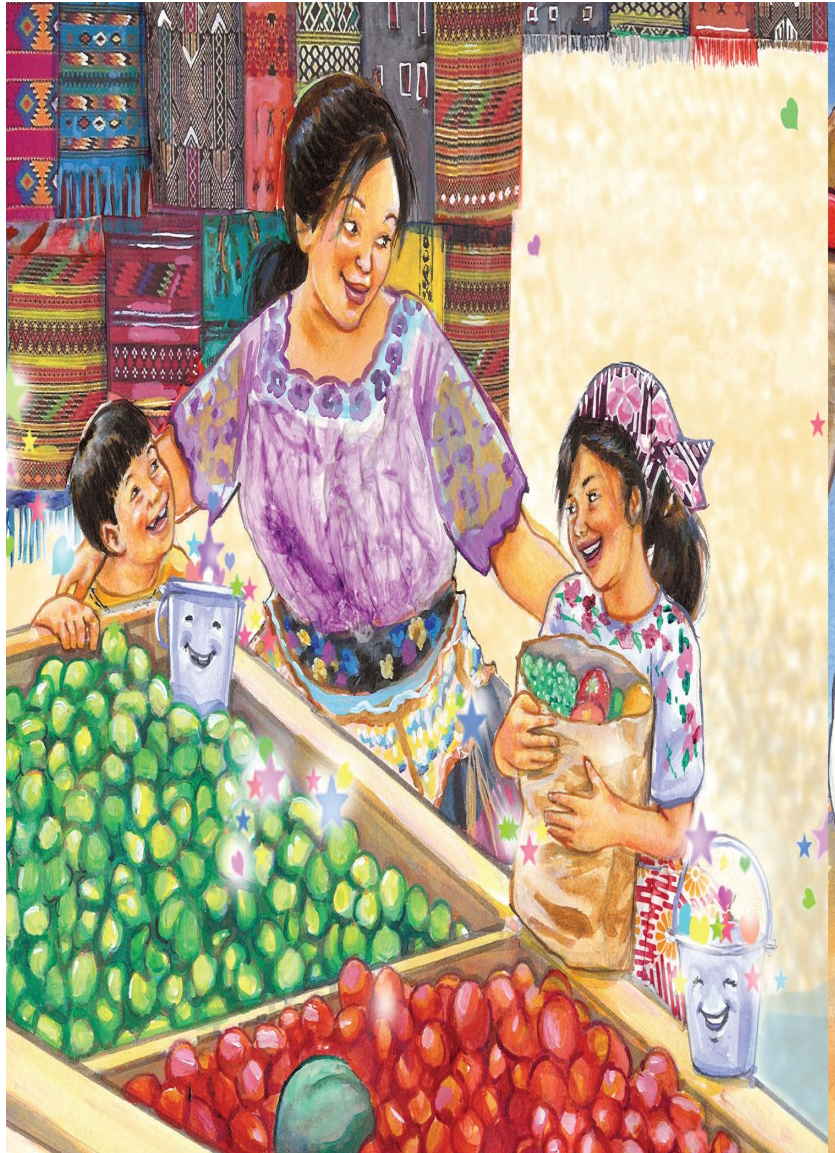




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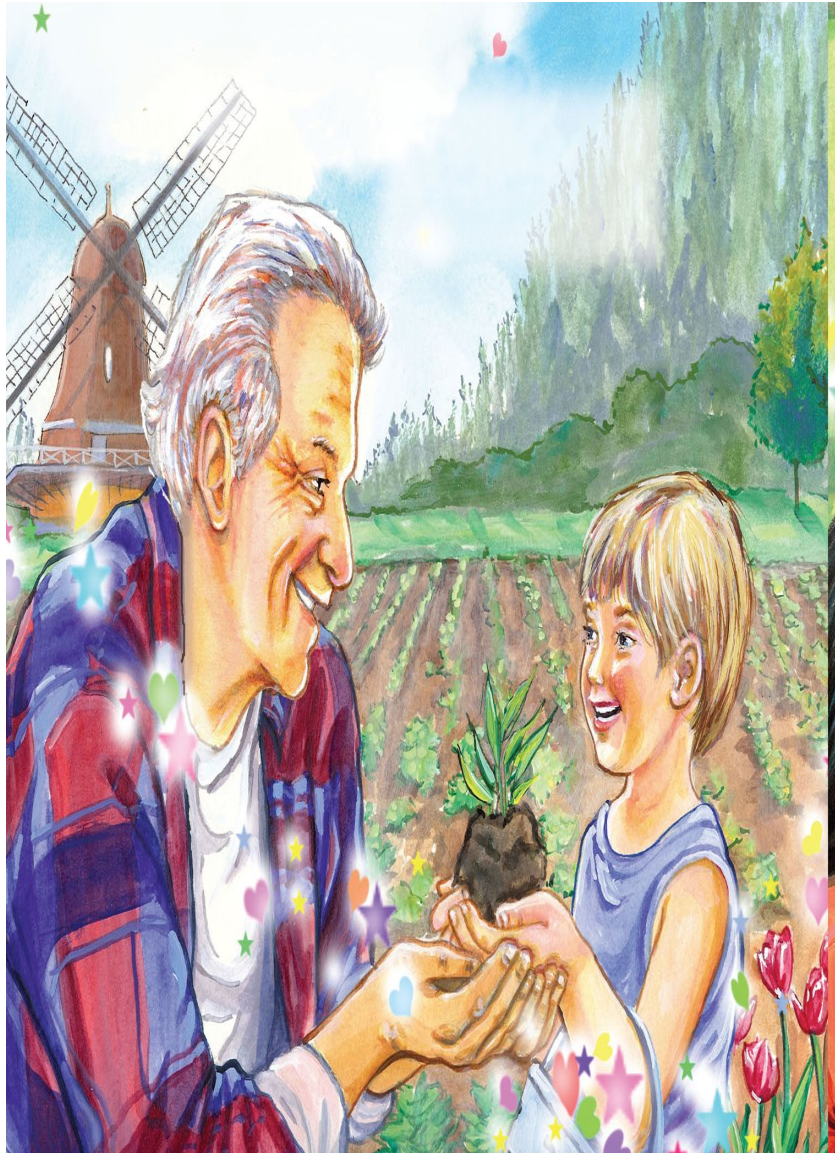


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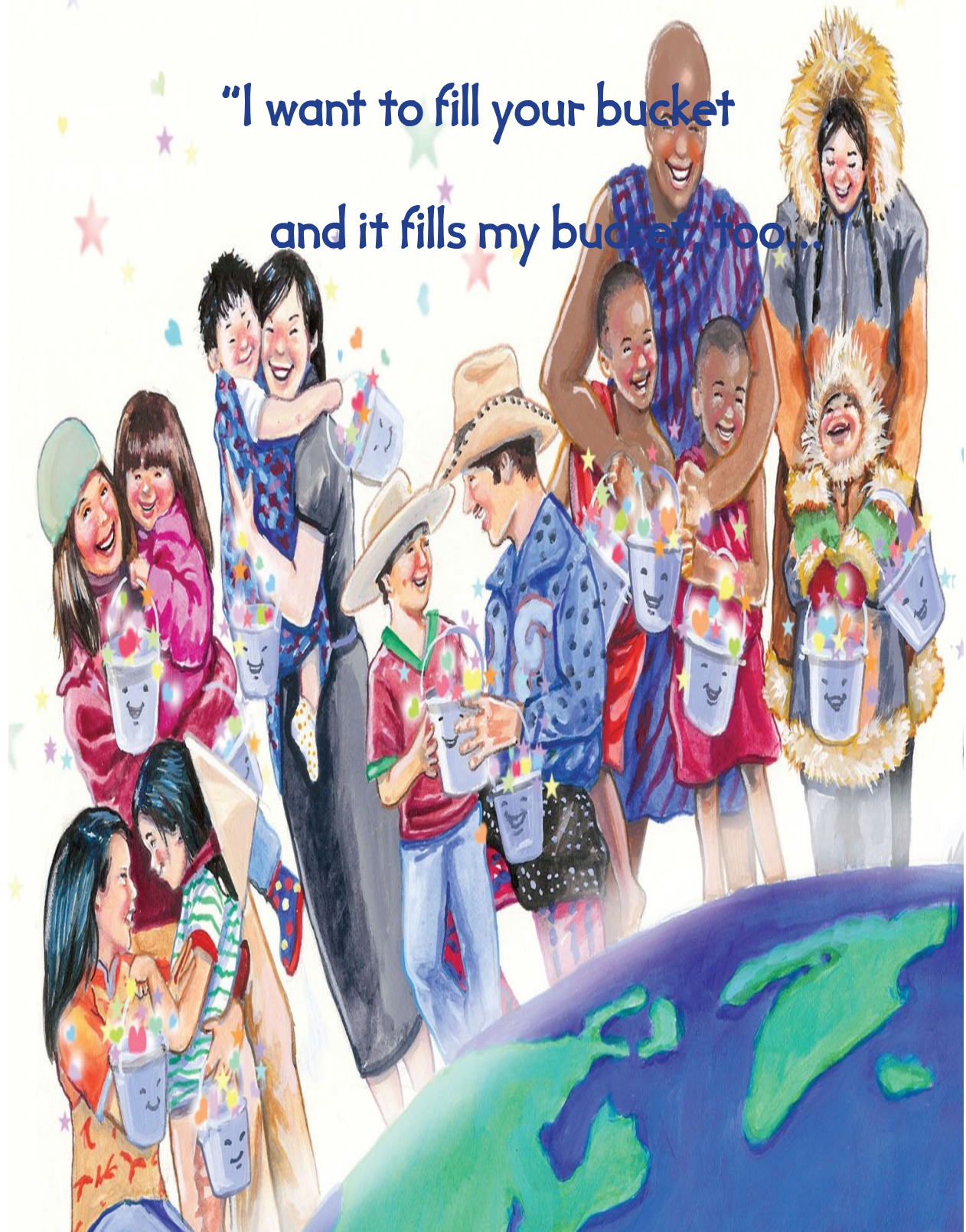
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"Yes, I will fill your bucket
and tell you 'I love you.'"



Just listen and you v

"I want to fill your bucket
and it fills my bucket, too..."





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To those who love children,

Imagine that as a very young child you were never held in someone's arms, never cuddled, never played with or even spoken to. Tragically, the world discovered that this was the case for many children in the Socialist Republic of Romania from 1974 to 1989.

Determined to increase his country's population and build its workforce, Romanian regime forced women to bear children they could not afford to care for, which resulted in babies and children being warehoused in state-run institutions. While basic needs for food and shelter were met, these orphaned children were fundamentally deprived of love, touch, and human connection.

Their buckets were never filled.

We now know that children's buckets, which represent their mental, emotional, and social needs, can be filled with positive affirmation, acknowledgment, and affection. Each invisible bucket is unique to every human being. The bucket is the very heart and soul of a child, and it is literally crisscrossed by the interactions with caring people.

Human need for love and affection knows no boundaries; it is the same around the world.

To children, their parents are their first and primary bucket fillers; however, their buckets can be filled by anyone who makes the choice to take the time to express love, kindness, and affection. In addition to parents, bucket fillers are grandparents, siblings, family members, friends, and anyone who cares for the happiness and well-being of a child. *Bucket fillers can be found all over the world in families, schools, places of worship, or wherever loving people come together.*

Every person in the world was born to be loved and to love; therefore, it is our duty to love the children in your life and fill their buckets with your love. Take every opportunity to play with them, encourage them and cherish them, and remember to tell them often how much they fill your life.

For a
Carol

In loving memory of Jean Moffett, who lived to hug children



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